

SPORTS ARE FEATURE
OF CHRISTMAS IN SOUTHHorse-Racing, Fox-Hunting and
Riding Tournaments In-
dulged In.

HOSPITALITY IS UNBOUNDED

Numerous House Parties and
Something About Drinks of
the Season.

On account of the more even temperature and milder climate, the Christmas season in the South is more pleasant than in the North. The weather is in the way of the sports, and the conditions are quite favorable, even in Virginia, where it would be supposed some severe storms would occur in winter. It is a fact that while there are occasional snowstorms, the snow does not last a sufficient length of time to afford much sport in the way of sleighing, nor does it form of sufficient thickness, save in the mountain districts, to permit of skating. It is seldom that any of the streams are frozen, although three years ago the upper portion of the James River, between Buchanan and Clifton Forge, was frozen from shore to shore for the first time in thirty years.

The climate of Virginia, it may be stated, varies somewhat, that of the "Tidewater" and "Southside" sections being considerably different from that of the Southwest. In the former, the height above sea level rarely exceeds seventy-five feet (the elevation of Richmond) in the Southwest Roanoke is nearly 1,000 feet above the sea; Radford, forty-three miles to the southwest, is 2,000 feet and Wytheville, still farther south, is at an elevation of 2,500 feet. These differences in situation account for the varied holiday observances.

As a general thing, the horse enters largely into the season's festivities, and this is especially so in the Southwest Virginia—the original home of the saddle horse.

Fox-Hunting a Great Sport.

Such being the case, it is not strange that fox-hunting should be one of the most popular of all the Christmas sports. The season usually opens in November and continues until the end of the year, and at Christmas tide it may be said to be at its height. In some sections the sport is followed after the old English fashion, with the riders attired in striking hunting garb, the ladies and gentlemen vying with each other to present the "nobbiest" appearance. Red hunting coats and white trousers, the men in bright-colored skirts and riding habits for the women are the more conspicuous costumes. The men wear hunting caps as well as silk ties, but the ladies wear hats either of black silk or of the style of the regular English derby.

Ladies Ride Astride.

It is becoming quite the thing in the South for ladies to ride astride, especially in the sport of fox-hunting or cross-country riding, and the side saddle is also still much in vogue. The divided skirt, however, gives freer motion, and in case of an unlucky jump of the horse and the rider being thrown, there is less danger of injury from being entangled in one's garments. Ladies having once acquired the habit of riding astride will ride no other way, but young girls are taught to become expert in the old-fashioned way of sitting sideways, before attempting the new-fangled method. It is not unusual to see a girl leap upon the back of a nervous thoroughbred unassisted and gallop away, as if for dear life, without having a saddle to support her.

Virginia Hunt Clubs.

Of the different hunt clubs of Virginia, the Mecklenburg, of Chase City, and Deep Run, of Richmond, are probably the most prominent. The former is given over largely to fox-hunting in the winter, and during the Christmas season, when the hotels of Chase City, which have many northern guests at that time, are in full tide, the sport of chasing the fox is the great amusement feature, the day's doing terminating in the hunters' ball, which is the chief social function of the season. At this ball many a severe lesson has been given to the "Old Dominion," however, furnishing the largest number of participants.

The Deep Run Hunt Club, of Richmond, has its grounds and buildings conveniently located for its members near Glinter Park and Bloomingdale, fashionable suburbs. Some of the best running horses in Virginia are owned by its members, and there are generally several steeplechases during the holiday season. There are cross-country runs, with the jumping of fences, ditches and other obstructions. The regular races are conducted in accordance with the rules of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. These are very strict, and persons "guilty of fraudulent practices on the turf" are severely punished. As to distance, no steeplechase is less than two miles, and no hurdle race less than one and one-half miles. In consequence of the longer distances, as compared with other races, horses of more than ordinary "bottom" are required. And the excitement of such racing is greater than can be experienced in any other form of outdoor amusement.

The Riding Tournament.

There are many other forms of outdoor sports in the Christmas season in the South, to which but brief allusion in this article can be made. One of these is the riding tournament, in which a number of men, representing different counties or districts, ride as knights, attired in armor, and with their long lists encounter to capture the most rings in riding past posts from which they are suspended. The knight taking the most rings is crowned "King of the Tournament," and is entitled to select his queen from among the spectators. The article culminates in a noisy ball, with its accompanying banquet.

The Virginia house party is also a feature of the Christmas spirit of the Old Dominion. This lasts usually a week, with indoor amusements, music and dancing and various games, if the weather is inclement; while if the days are balmy, as is usually the case in the closing week of the year, there are visits on horseback to neighboring plantations, exchange of greetings, cross-country riding, and shooting, as well as, especially at night, with both revolver and rifle. Some of the ladies of the South are expert shots; in fact, it is part of the education in some sections to be taught to handle and use the gun.

Hospitality is Unbounded.

The Southern hospitality is unbounded, and any visitor from the

JOHNSON GETS DECISION
OVER BURNS IN FOURTEENTH"I Did the Best I Could, and
Fought Hard," Says
Burns.

CHOICE EPITHETS IN RING

Question of Bandages Caused
Some Dispute, but Was
Finally Settled.

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up immediately, however, and Johnson got to close quarters with him, and placed his right and left to face and body. Burns' left eye here commenced to swell. The big black man swung a terrific left into Burns' stomach. Burns was bleeding from the mouth and apparently was tired. The men clinched as the bell rang.

Third round—Burns swung his right to Johnson's head, and then did some wonderful execution at in-fighting, chopping his right to the ribs frequently. Johnson during the round landed some terrific blows to the kidneys.

Try to Rattle Each Other.

Fourth round—Johnson shot a heavy right into Burns' ribs. The men talked wildly to one another, each seemingly intent upon getting the other excited. They sparred fiercely, but few blows being struck. Then Johnson swung left to the body, and Burns brought right to head. Johnson, closing in, threw a terrific right and left to the head of the Canadian. The bell found the men in a hard clinch.

Fifth round—Burns started the round briskly, landing his right on Johnson's head and punching the body with both hands. Johnson managed to slip over a few rights to the head.

Sixth round—Johnson rushed and Burns clinched, breaking loose, however, with one hand. Johnson swung his right a dozen times into the white man's ribs. Burns jolted Johnson's head frequently and swung his right hand over the ribs and put a stiff left to the stomach several times. Johnson, however, treated these blows as jokes, making sarcastic remarks as he hustled Burns into a corner and scored a couple of rights to the body.

Johnson Hushes Fighting.

Seventh round—Both men rushed across the ring, dealing out stiff rights. Burns got a left to Johnson's jaw, and Johnson raised a lump near Burns' right eye. In return, Burns seemed to be losing strength. Johnson was landing repeatedly on Burns' eye, and Burns was addressing the people about the ring, and though Tommy was working dexterously at in-fighting, he placed several terrific drives on Burns' ribs, dropping him to the floor for a few seconds.

Eighth round—Burns' eyes were puffed up and he was bleeding from the mouth when he emerged from his corner. The white man's blows apparently had little effect on the Texan, who was belaboring the head of the champion.

Exchange Courtesies.

Ninth round—Come on, Tommy, Burns yelled, and Johnson answered by calling the negro a "yellow dog." There was little fighting during this round.

Tenth round—Burns, thus making known his love for that noblest animal and man's greatest friend—the horse. Many such reunions occur in the South during the season of Christmas.

Christmas Brings Good Cheer.

The South is not given over to the exchanging of presents at Christmas to the same extent as in the North, and especially not as much as in this section of Pennsylvania, where the German custom of gift-giving prevails so largely. Here it is to a certain extent hereditary. In the North there are pleasant greetings and the giving of suitable souvenirs, but the indulgence in the South in pastimes, friendly visits and the enjoyments of the house parties, already alluded to, make Christmas a more joyous season of presents. There is more the observance of the principles of the old custom.

Christmas comes but once a year. But when it comes, it brings good cheer, and feasting, the cracking of nuts around open hearth fires, where the guests are given the opportunity of contributing liberally to the round of pleasure, are striking features of the enjoyment of Yuletide. All young and old, lend themselves to the observance of the great occasion, and "good cheer" abounds everywhere—Cyrus T. Fox in the Brooklyn Eagle.

Police Take a Hand.

During the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds the police officers consulted together. Referee McIntosh had a talk with the champion, who declared that he was strong. McIntosh then asked the police not to interfere.

Fourteenth round—Johnson went right after Burns. The white man backed away, but Johnson, following him up, dropped Burns with a right to the head. "One, two, three," slowly counted the referee, and Burns remained down until eight seconds had been reeled off. When he arose, Johnson flew at him like a tiger, and, using both hands unmercifully, soon had the champion tottering. The police then stopped the fight.

The Referee Declared Johnson the Winner.

He added that he considered it the best fight he ever had witnessed.



JACK JOHNSON.

in Australia, and that both men had fought fairly.

First Negro Champion.

Jack Johnson is the first negro who ever won the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship. In fact, he is the only negro who ever was permitted to battle for the honor. He was born in Galveston, Texas, in 1878, and began his boxing career in 1901. He is 6 feet 1 3/4 inches in height and weighed at the ringside close to 190 pounds. Burns was born in Liverpool, Ont., in 1881, and started fighting when he was nineteen years old. He is 5 feet 7 1/4 inches in height and weighs when trained for battle about 175 pounds. Burns always was a rough-and-ready fighter, who delighted to sail in and mix things with his adversary. Favored with great length of arms, which he used to great advantage, Burns has proved himself a bad man at close range. Despite the fact that Johnson was a much heavier man, he had the better of the argument in reach by 1 3/4 inches.

Burns Gets Big Edge.

A pure of \$25,000 was hung up for the battle, which was scheduled to go twenty rounds. Of this amount Burns demanded and received \$10,000. He paid him despite the outcome of the fight. Johnson had to be satisfied with \$5,000 and return tickets to London for himself and his manager, Sam Fitzpatrick.

According to reports both Johnson and Burns bet heavily on themselves at the prevailing odds, which slightly favored Burns at the ringside. The fighters were trained to the hour and before what probably was the largest crowd that ever witnessed a pugilistic contest. Burns did his training at Darling Point, while Johnson got in condition at Manly, a seaside suburb.

Besides a regiment of skilled trainers who gave the daily practice at the game of hit, stop and get-away, both Burns and Johnson followed American training methods by doing hard road work. Each man picked up a lot of extra pounds by giving training at exhibitions twice a week at the Stadium.

Since James J. Jeffries retired and Tommy Burns claimed the championship, a purse of \$25,000 for a white and a black man to meet him, and he has trailed him throughout the United States and even to England in quest of a match. It was not until Mr. McIntosh, the promoter of this fight, and who also acted as referee, offered a purse of \$25,000 for a white and a black man to meet him, and he has trailed him throughout the United States and even to England in quest of a match.

Johnson during his ring career has fought sixty-four battles, and twenty-two of his opponents have gone down to defeat by the knockout route. Prominent of those who have been put to

sleep by the big black ace, Jack Jeffries, a brother of the former heavyweight champion, who was knocked out by Johnson at Los Angeles in 1902 in five rounds, and Eddie Fitzsimmons, who, in Philadelphia, in 1907, was unable to withstand Johnson's shifty work but two rounds. He has lost but two fights, one a twenty-round decision to Marvin Hart, and the other on a foul to Joe Jeaneffe.

At the time of James J. Corbett has the prize ring seen so perfect a boxer as Johnson. Long and lithe, he is as graceful as a dancing master, and he is able to keep the big black man from beating their faces to tatters.

In courage Burns was a bulldog all right. He was said by some to have a "yellow streak." In none of his many battles, however, has it been proved. Johnson would take no more beating. Neither Burns nor Johnson, however, have been considered men of the stamp of Jeffries, Sullivan or Corbett in the fighting game.

RACE MEETING AT
SAVANNAH STARTSJoseph Kelly, a Local Rider,
Wins the Gentleman's
Amateur Race.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 25.—First events of a thirty-day racing meet, under the auspices of the Savannah Jockey Club, began at 10 o'clock this morning on the half-mile track this afternoon. Rain in the early afternoon kept the attendance down and made the track a little slow. The favorite made a good showing. St. Abe scored an easy victory in the first race, and Gunshot in the third, moved up first place in the fourth and took a time as if he was beaten.

A local race of interest was the gentleman's amateur race of one mile, which was won by Mr. Joseph Kelly, a local rider. He was presented a silver cup at conclusion of the event. Attendance, 100.

First race—selling, three-fourths of a mile—St. Abe, first; Spring Frog, second; Belle of the Ball, third. Time, 1:21.

Second race—three-fourths of a mile, three-year-olds and upward, selling—Savannah, first; second, second, Risk, third. Time, 1:21 3/5.

Third race—Amateur cup, one mile—Glimp, first; Jigger, second; Sky-blue, third. Time, 1:59 3/5.

Fourth race—one mile—Auspicious, first; The Ram, second; Sudden Start, third. Time, 1:50 3/5.

Fifth race—selling, half mile—Maidens—Gunshot, first; Dolly Built, second; Miss Cardigan, third. Time, 1:30.

LOST IN BALTIMORE

Princeton's Basketball Team Will Come
Here to Play Tuesday.

Princeton's basketball five lost to the Central Young Men's Christian Association, of Baltimore, on Thursday night, 19-15. The team in this city is composed of five players, a consistent game for the Tigers, as did Fry for the association team, but in the latter part of the contest the winners made a cagey ball without a great deal of trouble, and ran up a good margin in points.

This makes things look bright for the local Young Men's Christian Association quintet, and the contest next Tuesday night between these two teams should be of even greater interest to the fans of the game in this city than heretofore, since the collegians prove not to be out of the class of the amateur teams of this section.

In many of the games of the season, the Princeton team will probably be picked from the following men who played in the Baltimore game: Meese (captain), Hughes and Keys, forwards; Verner and Hagan, center; Shiner and Veeden, guards.

Havana Races.

HAVANA, December 25.—The races at Alameda Park today resulted as follows:

First race—six furlongs—Select, first; Time, 1:11.

Second race—four and a half furlongs—Charlotte Hamilton, first; Time, 1:05 1/5.

Third race—one mile and three-sixteenths—Dew, first; Time, 1:24.

Fourth race—one mile—Lady Ethel, first; Time, 1:41.

Fifth race—seven furlongs—Lady Carolina, first; second, Kemova, third. Time, 1:39 4/5.

Threw Up Sponge.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 25.—Young Corbett, second for Tommy Burns, today threw up the sponge in the third round of Mowatt's bout with young Donohue, of Boston, at the Royal Athletic Club here.

Mowatt's left eye was closed in the first round, and Donohue had easy sailing thereafter. Mowatt was knocked down three times in the last round.

Officers Elected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) 25.—LYNCHBURG, VA., December 25.—The Lynchburg Home Rule Lodge, No. 41, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Mrs. J. S. Allen, noble grand; Mrs. Susan Lipscomb, vice grand; Mrs. S. W. Patterson, treasurer, and J. C. Coleman, secretary. The officers will be installed on January 13th. Thirty-five applications for membership in the lodge have just been balloted upon, and these candidates will be initiated during January.

AFTER WHITE "RHINO"

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 25.—President Roosevelt has promised, if possible to secure for the National Museum, an animal that is rapidly becoming extinct. If he should be so fortunate that he should capture the second one to the British Museum.

One of the President's callers represents him as being somewhat nettled over the prediction that he will not be able to capture an elephant on the trip. The President is determined to get an elephant at any cost and he will go into inner Africa, if necessary, to obtain a chance at one. The white rhinoceros is found only near the head waters of the Nile.

The President had a conference today with Major Edgar A. Mearns, of the army, who will accompany him, regarding the details of the trip. The ammunition and supplies for the trip will be purchased at Nuyrobi, two-thirds of the way from Mombasa to Lake Victoria Nyanza. The hunting will not begin until Nuyrobi is reached.

Suicide of Writer.

SEATTLE, WASH., December 25.—Thomas Sullivan, at one time editor and part owner of the Ramo, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Willamette River, near Salem, Ore. For several years past Sullivan had been in hard circumstances financially, and a note he left pinned to his coat states among other things that he was "old and useless, and never was other than a detriment."

"So in a few moments," it continues, "I intend to step down and out. My family are better off without me."

Sullivan was born in London. He had a gift for verse writing, and some of his poems were widely quoted and read from his pen.

..Manchester News..

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No. 1102 11st Street.

Mayor Maurice, as well as representatives of the Police Department, assert that the celebration of Christmas passed off more quietly this year than ever before. There was scarcely any semblance of disorder other than the white or colored population, and in the past two days there have been but two arrests for drunkenness. Hundreds of citizens attended church services yesterday, while practically the whole people entered into a quiet and enjoyable celebration of the holiday. All business was declared off for the day, which made it appear as Sunday.

Overnight the usual holiday celebrations were participated in by hundreds of youngsters, but there seemed to be a lack of the usual spirit, and at midnight the city was quiet. There was no delivery of mail by carriers, although the windows in the post-office were open from 10 until 12 o'clock.

The police attribute the unusual quiet to the fact that saloons were closed, and many who failed to chase their liquor on Thursday night were forced to go without.

Many social functions took place, and in many homes the evening was told that Christmas was at hand. Merchants report that, despite the inclement weather of the past few days, sales were an even business better than for several years. The delivery of packages was greatly impeded by weather conditions, and many citizens met the emergency in employing extra messengers.

State Fireworks. Archibald Stoddy, fourteen years old, was arrested yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with burglary. The complaint was filed by William Morris, who carried off several articles of wearing apparel, a pair of shoes and a lot of fireworks.

The police claim to have a clear case against the alleged violator. James Mosby and Charles White, both of whom were arrested Thursday night for fighting in the street, they will be arraigned before the Mayor's Court today. Neither of the boys were bailed for their appearance when the case is called.

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went to Ohio, 370 to Indiana, and about
830 to Illinois.

DUCHESS UNDER KNIFE

Former Miss Zimmerman, of Cincinnati,
died, Improving From Operation.

LONDON, December 25.—The Duchess of Manchester, formerly Miss Helen Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, has been successfully operated upon for appendicitis Monday by Sir Alfred Fripp. She has been suffering from that ailment for some time. She was told many weeks ago by King Edward's surgeon that an operation was necessary, and that she must be prepared to undergo it at any time, perhaps on short notice. The duchess kept it secret and went on entertaining friends and receiving visits as if nothing was the matter. Monday night was the last night she was at home. She was operated on in a nursing home and is reported to be improving.

HER FIRST TROLLEY RIDE AT 89

Woman Who Has Been in Leves Since
1876 Surprised.

DARBY, PA., December 25.—Although she is eighty-nine years old, Mrs. Leah Wilson, of Lewes, Del., who has been in Leves since 1876, was surprised to find that she had taken her first trolley ride yesterday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Weldon, of this borough, saw her first trolley car and had her first ride yesterday. She was taken to the trolley car at Broad Street Station, and then, after accompanying her granddaughter down to Walnut Street, took her first ride in the electric cars and arrived at Darby. Prior to her visit to this city Mrs. Wilson had not been outside of Lewes since the Philadelphia Centennial.

Increase in Cholera. ST. PETERSBURG, December 25.—Thursday's cold wave was accompanied by an increase in cholera. There were thirty-one new cases and thirteen deaths. Two hundred and twenty-five persons suffering from the disease are now in hospitals here.

Auction Sales, Future Days.

By The Valentine Auction Co.,
Auctioneers.

BANKRUPT SALE OF VALUABLE
LEASE AND RESTAURANT FIX-
TURES.

Pursuant to an order entered on December 21, 1908, by the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the matter of George Giannios, bankrupt, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction, at 118 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va., on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1908, beginning at 9:30 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, to-wit: East Broad Street; also his unexpired licenses and his restaurant fixtures, all of which are in first-class condition, also a lot of crockery, glassware, and tableware and cooking utensils, general restaurant fixtures, etc., and several shares of stock. The lease is for five years from May 14, 1908, and is a very valuable one. The lease will be offered separately and together with the stock and fixtures.

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ROBERT T. WINSTON, Trustee.

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SERABLE ESTATE CONTAINING 930
ACRES, WITH FRAMED DWELL-
ING AND OTHER OUTBUILDINGS, ON
NINE-MILE ROAD